



**Montana Fish,
Wildlife & Parks**

NOTICE OF DECISION

February 12, 2008

BLACK BRIDGE FISHING ACCESS SITE DEVELOPMENT

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED ACTION

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks propose to develop the 71-acre property along the Yellowstone River at Glendive to serve as a public fishing access site. There is a substantial need for public river access to the Yellowstone River near Glendive. The Black Bridge FAS would be the only FAS on the Yellowstone River between Fallon FAS and Intake FAS (53 River Miles). This proposal would construct a 16-foot wide access road, a parking lot for nine vehicles with trailers and space for 10 single vehicles, a concrete boat ramp, concrete vault latrine, signs and fencing.

PUBLIC PROCESS AND COMMENT

The Black Bridge Fishing Access Acquisition EA was posted on the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Web site (<http://fwp.mt.gov/default.html>) and provided for Public comment from October 23, through November 26, 2007. Comments from three individuals were received via Email to the FWP Region 7 Office. All three comments were in favor of the developments as proposed. A fourth written comment was received via U.S. mail. This commenter, though supporting the idea of developments, proposed alignment of the entrance road along a different, longer route to allow for more vehicular access to the downstream end of the property. A similar idea was considered during the design phase of the project and dismissed in favor of the design presented in the EA. due to higher cost of construction and higher maintenance costs associated with maintaining a longer section of roadway and recent erosion on the riverbank that would compromise the proposed route.

Comments are available for review at the Region 7 Office.

DECISION

Based on the analysis in the Environmental Assessment (EA) and the applicable laws, regulations and policies, I have determined that this action will not have a significant effect on the natural or human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

It is my decision to implement the proposed action, and proceed with the developments proposed in the EA. By notification of this Decision Notice, the draft EA is hereby made the final EA without any modifications or additions. The final EA may be viewed at or

obtained from Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks at the above address. Please direct any further requests or questions to Bryce Christensen, Region 7 Supervisor, or John Little, Region 7 Parks Manager.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Bryce Christensen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bryce Christensen Regional Supervisor